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## **CALIF. MAN SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGE**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Quinton Winston, 29, of Culver City, Calif., was sentenced here in federal court by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins to five years in prison consecutive to a state sentence the defendant is currently serving. Winston had pleaded guilty on September 20, 2005 to Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense.

The charges stemmed from the defendant's arrest on September 1, 2004, in Tucson, Ariz. on outstanding state and federal warrants. When police attempted to stop the vehicle Winston was driving, he bailed out of the vehicle while it was still moving. After a foot pursuit, Winston was arrested a short distance away. The subsequent search of the defendant resulted in the recovery of over 20 grams of methamphetamine. Further search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of 33 lbs. of marijuana and a loaded .40 caliber handgun.

The Pima County Attorney's Office handled the charges that gave rise to the warrants, which included weapons and stolen vehicle offenses, occurring on or about July 31, 2004. Based upon the defendant's plea and sentence on those charges, the defendant's projected release date on the state charges is May 23, 2012. By statute, the federal sentence of five years in prison on the weapons offense must run consecutively to the state sentence. This translates into a projected release date of 2017. In addition, the defendant will be on supervised release on the federal charges for three years after he is ultimately released.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives, the Tucson Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Service. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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